CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes of March 8, 2011 7:00 p.m. Greenfield Planning Department 114 Main Street

The meeting was called to order by Chair Alex Haro at 7:00 p.m. with the following members:

PRESENT: Alex Haro, Chair; Tim Mosher, Vice-chair; Dee Letourneau; Steve Walk; Tom

DeHoyos

ABSENT: None

Also present: Ralph Kunkel, Conservation Agent.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 22, 2011

Moved by Mosher, seconded by DeHoyos, and voted 3-0 (Letourneau and Walk abstained) to accept the Minutes of February 22, 2011 as amended.

Public Meetings/Hearings:

7:00 p.m. Massachusetts Department of Public Transportation – Highway Division % Albert R. Stegemann, P.E., District #2 Highway Director – Public Meeting to review a Request for Determination of Applicability for property located along Route 2A (Mohawk Trail) to determine if the work depicted on the plans is subject to the jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act.

Kunkel reported that because the meeting had not been published by the applicant, it could not be opened.

Other Business: Kunkel reported that a a neighbor to the Bernardston Road Conservation area, Christin Unaitis, said he intended to speak to the Mayor about purchasing the conservation land on Bernardston Road to put it back on the tax rolls.

Review of ordinance.

Monitoring: Mosher gave an update on the clean-up activities from the mud slide March 7, 2011 on Meridian Street. DeHoyos asked where the mud was being put. Mosher replied that the DPW was hauling mud to an area at the town transfer station, while Davenport Construction was hauling their to 11 Lower Road. Mosher reported that the stormceptors had been cleaned by a firm from New Hampshire.

Leyden Woods – modification of plans with addition of turnaround:

Kunkel gave the Commission the plans submitted by Frank Holmes with the Turnaround for DPW vehicles and a snow storage area indicated. There was general concern that the snow storage area was adjacent to the BVW border. Kunkel was asked to let DPW and Frank Holmes know there would be a Condition added to ensure that snow in the storage area was from the turnaround only; and that the snow storage area, during construction should be graded to ensure that the snowmelt would drain into the turnaround.

Correspondence:

Enforcement Updates: Haro stated that he and Kunkel had met with Meryl Mandell of Mass Highway

Department of Transportation. Mandell was overseeing the tree cutting in the rotary for the

Intelligent Transport System to clear the view for the cameras. Haro said he would like

Kunkel to follow-up the meeting by asking Mandell for a planting plan. DeHoyos asked what was to be done with the tree stumps and asked Kunkel to follow-up with an inquiry to Mandell.

SiteVisits:

Next Meeting: March 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Greenfield Planning Department, 114 Main Street.

Adjournment: MOTION: Moved by DeHoyos, seconded by Letourneau, and voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ralph Kunkel Conservation Agent Alex Haro Chair